Revamping of CISF

2392. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate that has been given to the CISF under the CISF Act, 1968;

(b) the details of duties performed by CISF in the country;

(c) whether Government are considering of revamping the working of the CISF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Under the Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968 CISF has been constituted as an Armed Force of the Union for the better protection and security of industrial undertakings owned by the Central Government and to perform such other duties as entrusted to it from time to time.

(b) The CISF is providing security to Public Sector Undertakings, Airports, Central Government Buildings at Delhi, certain National monuments and performing other duties as assigned to the Force by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) A restructuring of CISF has been completed in 2004-05.

Recruitment of surrendered militants in CRPF

2393. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) recruited 339 surrendered militants of Bodo Liberation Tigers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had agreed to recruit, 1,000 surrendered militants of the Bodo Liberation Tigers into the CRPF, BSF and the Assam Rifles; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard to recruit the remaining surrendered militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Against the Government decision to recruit 1000 surrendered Bodo militants, CRPF have provisionally selected 352. The remaining quota will be filled up by Assam Rifles, BSF and more recruitment by CRPF subject to fulfilling of prescribed norms by the candidates.

Unprecedented snowfall in J and K and Himachal Pradesh

2394. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives and those missing and loss of property in Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh due to unprecedented snowfall and avalanches during winter of 2004-05;

(b) the extent of damage caused to property as a result thereof;

(c) the financial assistance/compensation given by Central Government for relief and rehabilitation of victims of natural calamity in Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) how many victims are foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) 283 civilians besides 14 ITBP, 6 BRO (GREF) and 6 BSF personnel in Jammu and Kashmir and 5 civilians in Himachal Pradesh lost their lives due to recent snowfall and avalanches.

(b) In Jammu and Kashmir, 28,787 houses were fully/partially damaged. 91,780 hectares of cropped area, 1,03,100 hectares of horticulture were damaged besides there was also a loss to sericulture and livestock. There was also damage to the power sector, roads and bridges and other civic infrastructure. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has not informed this Ministry of the damage.

(c) An amount of Rs. 50.00 crore was released for Jammu and Kashmir from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) as an immediate assistance for the calamity. A Central Team also visited the State for an on the spot damage assessment and requirement of funds. Further assistance will be released based on the report of the Central Team and the norms and guidelines thereof. The Government of Himachal Pradesh have not requested for Central assistance and that they have provided